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A CONTEST: OPEN TO ALL NUMISMATIC BIBLIOMANIA MEMBERS

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The Two Winners Will Receive a Book Written by
Eric P. Newman, Signed and Inscribed to Each Recipient

Developing Commentary and Observations on Differences
between American and English Foreign Exchange
Broadside having no Date or Place of Issue
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Editor's Note:

You are invited to participate in a numismatic whodunit. Recently, Eric Newman sent copies of the two late eighteenth century broadsides reproduced elsewhere in this issue, accompanied by the following note: "Here is a real puzzle. I located the British broadside after getting the American one...Now you can give me clues to dating each."

It has been decided to make this a contest open to all NBS members. The best two responses will each receive a personally inscribed copy of a numismatic book written by Mr. Newman.

Please send your response to Broadside Contest Committee (BCC), care of the Editor. The best two answers will be published in a future issue of *The Asylum*. The contest deadline is November 1st, 1996.

As a starting point, Eric Newman's preliminary observations follow:

**Special Characteristics of
AMERICAN Broadside**

55 horizontal compartments

AMERICA is first in title and
EUROPE is second

AMERICA compartments are
placed at top

UNITED STATES is used under
the AMERICA section indicating
preparation of broadside after 1776

Explanation as to "real and
imaginary monies" is copied from
the British broadside

**Special Characteristics of
BRITISH Broadside**

56 horizontal compartments
(Text says there are 60)

EUROPE is first in title and
AMERICA is last

"AMERICA" compartments are
placed at bottom

CONTINENT is used under the
AMERICA section with NEW
ENGLAND and VIRGINIA
included as English, indicating
preparation of the broadside
before 1776

**Special Characteristics of
AMERICAN Broadside (continued)**

FEDERAL MONEY used indicating preparation of broadside after 1792

NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA, FLORIDA & CAYENE are no longer needed

FORT WILLIAM is substituted for CALCUTTA even though FORT WILLIAM was destroyed in 1757, then moved and rebuilt in another CALCUTTA location

INDIA substituted for MOGOL

NUREMBERG & DETTINGEN are no longer included

TRIESTE, AUGSBURG, & BLENHEIM are no longer included

FRANCFORT changed to FRANKFORT

DANTZIC changed to DANTZIG

ZURIC changed to ZURIG

APPENSEL changed to APPENSAL

LEIPSIG changed to LEIPSIC

TRIPOLY changed to TRIPOLI

**Special Characteristics of
BRITISH Broadside (concluded)**

CANADA is not listed under English possessions but under other control, indicating preparation of broadside prior to 1763 when CANADA became English

FLORIDA is not listed under English possessions but under other control, indicating preparation of broadside prior to 1763 when FLORIDA became English

Date of Tower Mint Assays not determinable from broadside

Capital A in "A" or "An" when used in front of the name of each coin

Printed hands as pointer are smaller than on the American broadside

Type font is different than the font used for the American Broadside

Fractions used for divisions of pence and not decimals in setting coin values

Special Characteristics of AMERICAN Broadside (concluded)

PRESTE added under AUSTRIA
[No such place as PRESTE has
been located and this may be a
typographical error for TRIESTE]

WISMUR is misspelled from
WISMAR

ZUZ is misspelled from ZUG

PETERSBURG changed to
PETERSBURGH

MACOA spelling is changed from
MEACO

More coins listed under HOL-
LAND, RUSSIA, LIVONIA and
SIAM than in British broadside

French coins do not include
CENTIME, DECIME or FRANC
which were introduced in 1795

Some French coins are changed in
value from British broadside

SETTLEMENTS or COLONIES
replaces the word DOMINIONS in
the last line

English long s (*f*) is properly used,
indicating preparation of broad-
side before 1799 when printed use
of the long s was discontinued in
the U. S.

MADRAS is spelled with one s
instead of MADRASS

U. S. quarter eagles and quarter
dollars were not struck until 1796
but were fully described in the
April 2, 1792 Mint Act

French spelling of half disme and
disme as provided under April 2,
1792 Act

No mention of U. S. legal tender or
legal tender laws of 1793, 1795, etc.

Inclusion of copper coin indicates
no legal tender matters were
considered

Under ISLE OF MAN the penny is
changed to imaginary even though
its pennies were struck only in
1758

AN IMPORTANT NOTE CONCERNING THE BROADSIDE REPRODUCTIONS

To facilitate comparison of the broadsides, portions of both are repro-
duced on each side. Also, the final "AMERICA" section of the EUROPEAN
broadside, entitled WEST-INDIES and CONTINENT, has been repositioned
at the beginning.